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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT GROUP 2768

APPLICANTS:

Post et al.

SERIAL NO.:

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TITLE:

"METHOD FOR PROTECTING A SECURITY MODULE AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,734,723
- AB United States Patent No. 5,712,916
- AC United States Patent No. 5,680,463
- AD United States Patent No. 5,671,146
- AE United States Patent No. 5,606,508
- AF United States Patent No. 5,490,077
- AG United States Patent No. 4,823,323
- AH United States Patent No. 4,804,957
- AI United States Patent No. 4,746,234
- AL German PS 196 05 015
- AM German PS 43 33 156

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AN European Patent 0 891 601
AO European Application 0 417 447



EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA through AF, AI, AL and AO were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. All of those references except Reference AL are in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. In addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification concerning References AL, an English Abstract is attached to Reference AL.

Foreign counterparts to References AG and AH, plus References AM and AN were cited in the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since References AG and AH are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English-language Abstract is attached to Reference AM, and Reference AN contains English-language claims, which constitute respective summaries of the teachings of those references.

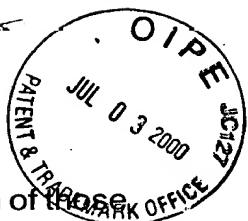
Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

Applicants also wish to note two co-pending United States applications, which disclose subject matter related to the subject matter of the present application. United States Application Serial No. 09/522,621 ("Arrangement For A Security Module," Post et al.) was filed on March 9, 2000, and United States Application Serial No. 09/522,619, ("Method for Protecting a Security Module and Arrangement for the

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Implementation of the Method," Post et al.) was filed on March 10, 2000. Both of those applications are assigned to the same Assignee, Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co., as the present application. Both of those applications are pending in Group Art Unit 2768, and Applicants therefore assume the Examiner has access to those co-pending applications and Applicants have not burdened the present file with duplicate copies. If the Examiner would nevertheless prefer that a copy of either of these applications be submitted, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicants and a copy will be supplied. The claims of the present application and the claims of these two co-pending applications are patentably distinct.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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